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TO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

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SUBJ: U.S. PROPOSAL TO LIST KANGAROO AS ENDANGERED

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1. FOR YOUR INFORMATION NEW "PROPOSED RULEMAKING" IN FEDERAL REGISTER DATED APRIL 1, 1974, REPROPOSES TO LIST AS ENDANGERED THREE LARGE KANGAROO PREVIOUSLY PROPOSED LAST YEAR (JANUARY 15, 1973) AND LATER DEFERRED ACTION (JUNE 4, 1973). NEW ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT OF 1973 (DECEMBER 28, 1973) REPEALED PREVIOUS AUTHORITY, INVALIDATING PENDING PROPOSAL AND NECESSITATING REPROPOSAL. FINAL DECISION ON LISTING TO BE MADE AFTER 60-DAY COMMENT PERIOD ENDS JUNE 4, PENDING REVIEW OF ALL INFORMATION, INCLUDING REPORT OF TWO BIOLOGISTS SOON TO VISIT AUSTRALIA. COPIES OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING AND NEW ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT BEING POUCHED.

2. SPENCER H. SMITH AND DR. RONALD O. SKOOG, BUREAU SPORT FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE, INTERIOR, ARRIVE CANBERRA SATURDAY APRIL 20 TO CONFER WITH AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH/STATE OFFICIALS AND CONSERVATION GROUPS REGARDING KANGAROO STATUS, EXPLOITATION, UNCLASSIFIED

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REGULATIONS, AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.

ITINERARY AVAILABLE DR. BODEN, DEPARTMENT ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION. FIVE-WEEK STAY PROPOSED. WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH AMEMBASSY MONDAY AM APRIL 22.

3. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO DR. BODEN:
PROPOSED ITINERARY ACCEPTABLE WITH INITIAL STOPOVER CANBERRA TO CONSULT FIRST WITH AMEMBASSY AND THEN WITH COMMONWEALTH OFFICIALS. SMITH WANTS TO EXTEND TRIP TO VISIT TASMANIA AS SUGGESTED, WHENEVER SCHEDULE BEST PERMITS. PLEASE BOOK LODGING FOR SATURDAY 9 AM ARRIVAL APRIL 20-- DOUBLE FOR MR./MRS. SMITH; SINGLE, DR. SKOOG; BOTH ROOMS WITH BATH. WILL HAVE OPEN-TICKETS FOR AIRLINE TRAVEL CANBERRA-ADELAIDE, ADELAIDE-PERTH, PERTH-SYDNEY, SYDNEY-BRISBANE, BRISBANE-HOBART, HOBART-CANBERRA. WILL HAVE FUNDS FOR AIRCRAFT AND AR RENTAL AS NEEDED. DETAILS FOLLOWING IN LETTER. RUSH

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